Remarks

Applicants request entry of the amendments. The amendments place the application in condition for allowance as suggested by the Examiner in the comments accompanying the Office communication.

Applicants have amended the specification at page 12 as suggested by the Examiner. One of skill in the art was familiar with the 72K protein of the E2A region of adenovirus as one of the proteins encoded by E2, and clearly the word "especially" in this paragraph identifies that other regions of E2 exist and can be selected for use in the cell lines of the invention.

Applicants have amended claims 36, 45, and 61 to recite particular gene or adenoviral regions as "the only adenoviral genes that have been rendered non-functional." These amendments address the Examiner's comments at pages 3-4 of the Office Action. Furthermore, claim 45 includes the Examiner's suggested language with respect to the optional E3 gene.

No new matter enters by these amendments.

All the objections and rejections were addressed in the Reply filed June 22, 2006.

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